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RE: U.S. Appln. Serial No. 08/853,604
Your Ref: MICROWAVE PYROLYSIS
Our Ref: P0448US0

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of November 4, 1997. I have noted your comments.

I am still quite concerned about receiving payment for the work this firm has done. Please let me know what is happening. I would suggest that we set up some kind of payment plan if you and your backers cannot come up with the full amount now.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ross F. Hunt, Jr.

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August 31, 1998

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Re: PRINGLE, et al. - U.S. Appln. Serial No.: 08/853,604
Your Ref: MICROWAVE PYROLYSIS
Our Ref: VII/P0448US0

Dear Joe:

After a long period of delay, we have received the first Office Action in this application, and a due date for response has been set.

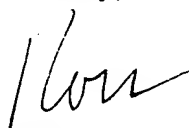
I have not heard from you in response to my letter of November 18, 1997, nor to any of my previous letters, and we have received no payments on your account. As you are well aware, this firm is owed substantial monies in connection with the preparation and filing of this application and we cannot go forward with the prosecution of the application unless we receive payment.

I have been very patient but we are at a turning point and we simply cannot go on without being paid.

Please let me know your intentions by return or as soon as possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Ross F. Hunt, Jr.

RFH: jab
cc: B.J. Moody, Esq.

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Re: PRINGLE, et al. - U.S. Appln. Serial No.: 08/853,604
MICROWAVE PYROLYSIS
Our Ref: VII/P04480US0

Dear Joe:

Further to our telephone discussion, I am enclosing a copy of the Office Action mailed on August 26, 1998 together with copies of the cited references. A response is due by November 26, 1998.

As we discussed, and you have acknowledged, it appears that you are in no position to pay off your outstanding account and while we appreciate your offer to pay \$25.00 per week (to the extent that you can), it will take a very long time to pay things off at this rate. As you recall, this is the second time that we have been left empty-handed in dealing with patent matters on your behalf and in this case we were solemnly promised full payment when we undertook this matter.

Having said this, I do not wish to see you lose your patent application and am willing to file at least one response in order to keep things going. However, I want your agreement that if you find a backer, or get a grant, you will pay off your outstanding balance when you get your money. However, you should understand that if we are successful in obtaining a patent, there are going to be substantial out-of-pocket fees that must be paid to the Patent and Trademark Office and there is no way in which we can justify paying these for you under the circumstances. Thus, we are both agreed that, you will certainly need to raise money in the very near future.

Mr. Joe Pringle
September 21, 1998
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I look forward to receiving your comments (and your continuous payments).
Again, a response is due by November 26, 1998.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross F. Hunt, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Ross F. Hunt, Jr.

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RE: U.S. App. Serial No. 08/853,604
MICROWAVE PYROLYSIS APPARATUS FOR WASTE TIRES
Our Ref.: VII/P04480US0

Dear Mr. Pringle:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am enclosing a copy of the Amendment filed in the Patent & Trademark Office on November 25, 1998.

I hope that the response filed will place the application in condition for allowance. If this is the case, as I have explained previously, substantial fees will be due when the application is allowed. As I also explained, we cannot continue to work for nothing and I only hope that the progress in obtaining a patent that I believe that we will make in light of our response, will enable you to obtain some kind of financial backing.

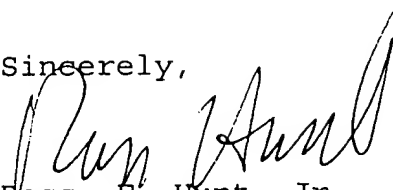
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We will, of course, keep you promptly advised of any action in this application.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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February 19, 1999

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Entitled: MICROWAVE PROLYSIS APPARATUS FOR WASTE TIRES
Our Ref.: VII/P05050US0

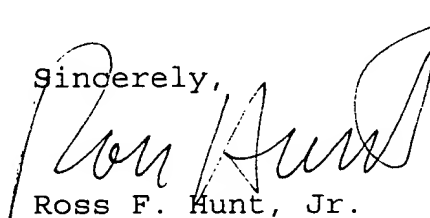
Dear Mr. Pringle:

I am pleased to report that we have received good news from the Patent and Trademark Office and that most of the claims presented in our last response have been found to be allowable so that a patent providing good protection for your invention will eventually issue if we respond and all fees are paid.

On the other hand, I am displeased to note that after two very nominal payments of \$25.00, you have paid nothing since. As I have stated previously, we cannot continue to work for nothing and I need to hear from you immediately regarding payment of your outstanding balance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Ross F. Hunt, Jr.

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RESEND

~~February 19, 1999~~
April 30, 1999

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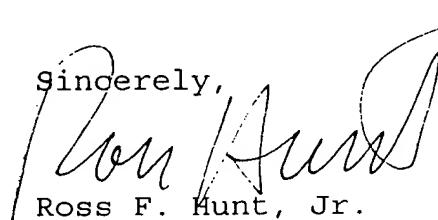
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Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU - TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

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RE: PRINGLE - U.S. App. Serial No. 08/853,604
MICROWAVE PYROLYSIS APPARATUS FOR WASTE TIRES
Our Ref. : VII/P04480US0

Dear Joe:

Further to our telephone discussion, I am enclosing a copy of the Amendment filed in the Patent & Trademark Office today. I am also enclosing a copy of the Office Action issued on February 12, 1999.

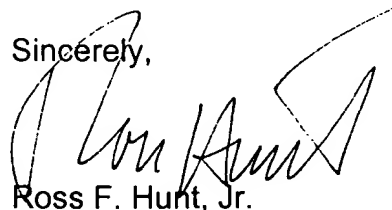
The response filed should place this application in condition for allowance, i.e., make the application ready for issuance as a patent.

As we discussed on the telephone, unless we receive payment for our previous work, we must reluctantly withdraw as your counsel. Substantial fees will be due to the Patent Office when your application is allowed and, as I have stated many times, we can not continue to work for nothing or to absorb such fees without any real hope of payment.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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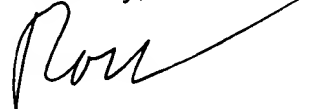
Dear Joe:

I have received a telephone call from the Examiner regarding this application and am pleased to report that the application is being allowed. Although several matters were discussed, only a very minor change is being made (correcting the dependency of one of the dependent claims). We also had telefaxed a copy of the Amendment to the Examiner on June 4, 1999.

The next communication we get from the PTO will be a Notice of Allowance. This will require that an issue fee be paid in three months. As I have stated repeatedly, we cannot be responsible for this payment and will have to withdraw our representation unless you can find a way for us to be paid.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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July 1, 1999

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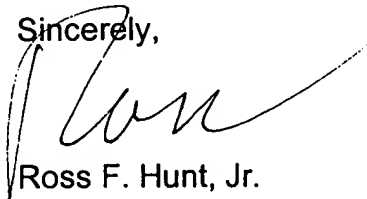
Further to my letter dated June 11, 1999, we have now received the expected Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application. The "Notice" is dated June 16, 1999, which means that the Issue Fee must be paid and formal drawings submitted no later than September 16, 1999.

As stated in my previous letter, we cannot be responsible for these matters without being paid in advance. The Issue Fee, with our charges, is \$920.00. To have formal drawings prepared and submitted is approximately \$300-\$350. Thus, the total cost would be around \$1,220.00-\$1,270.00. Moreover, our outstanding charges also need to be paid.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Unless a substantial payment can be made immediately, we will begin taking steps to withdraw as your attorneys.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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August 10, 1999

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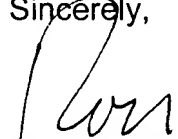
Dear Joe:

Further to my letter of July 1, 1999, since I have not heard from you, and consistent with that letter and my previous warnings in this regard, I hereby formally notify you that it is my intention to withdraw as your counsel. I will be submitting a letter to the Patent & Trademark Office shortly informing them of my intention to withdraw.

Of course, my withdrawal does not relieve you of your responsibility regarding payment of our past due bills.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Ross F. Hunt, Jr.

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